

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2276

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for official travel after Election Day of members of Congress who will not serve as members during the next Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 1997

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Oversight

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**  
4                       **OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF DEFEATED OR RETIR-**  
5                       **ING MEMBERS.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—No reimbursement or payment  
7       may be made from Federal funds for travel and related  
8       expenses incurred during the post-election period of a Con-  
9       gress by any member of Congress who will not serve as

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1 a member in the succeeding Congress (as certified by the  
2 appropriate State official).

3 (b) EXCEPTION FOR TRAVEL WITHIN DISTRICT OR  
4 BETWEEN DISTRICT AND WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN  
5 AREA.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to travel of a mem-  
6 ber of Congress—

7 (1) within the district or State the member rep-  
8 resents (as the case may be);

9 (2) between the district or State the member  
10 represents (as the case may be) and the Washington,  
11 D.C. Metropolitan Area; or

12 (3) within the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan  
13 Area.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

15 (1) the term “member of Congress” means a  
16 Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-  
17 dent Commissioner to, the Congress;

18 (2) the term “post-election period” means, with  
19 respect to a Congress, the period beginning on the  
20 day after the date of the regularly scheduled general  
21 election held during the Congress and ending on the  
22 first day of the succeeding Congress; and

23 (3) the term “Washington, D.C. Metropolitan  
24 Area” means the District of Columbia, the Counties  
25 of Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland,

1       and the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudon  
2       and the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in  
3       Virginia.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5       This Act shall apply with respect to the One Hundred  
6 Fifth Congress and each subsequent Congress.

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